(c) whether Government are aware of the increasing prices of pulses in the market resulting in great hardships to the common man; and

(d) what steps Government have taken in this regard and utilise the reserve stock of pulses for bringing down their prices in the market?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The Central Government does not have any buffer stock of pulses.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government is aware of significant increase in the prices of pulses and has taken several measures to check rise in prices and improve their availability. Import of pulses is allowed under Open General Licence Government have asked National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) and State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC) to import some quantity of pulses. For maintaining supplies and for securing equitable distribution and availability of pulses at fair prices, the Govervent have recently reduced the stock limits of pulses to be stored by wholesalers and retailers. The import duty on pulses has also been reduced.

Eucalyptus Plantation

3869. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few years back farmers had taken to eucalyptus plantation in a big way;

(b) whether the return therefrom has been much less than the projected figures given by Government while motivating the farmers;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the estimated decline in eucalyptus and popular plantations during the last year as compared to the year before?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Farmers have taken to Eucalyptus planting in a big way in some areas of the country.

(b) to (d) In the absence of studies and surveys about the economics of and area coverage under Eucalyptus plantations on farmers' fields, no information is available.

उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के भांडागार

3870. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के कितने भांडागार है तथा ये किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थित है ;

(ख) क्या चालू वर्ष के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में कुछ और भंडागारों का निर्माण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री एच०के०एल० भगत) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश मे भारतीय खाद्य निगम की जिन केन्द्रों में स्वयं अपनी अथवा किराये की ढकी हुई भंडारण क्षमता है, उनकी संख्या 152 है । इन केन्द्रों के स्थानों को बताने वाला एक विवरण संलग्न है । [देखिए परिशिष्ट CXLIV, अनुपत्र संख्या 163]